ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President: I have received notice of an adjournment motion, which runs as follows:

> "I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the famine and pestilence now raging in the country as a result of the total failure of the recent crops in many parts of the country and to request the Government to start immediate relief operations in rural areas."

Of course the latter portion of the sentence is surely inconsistent with the form in which an adjournment motion ought to be framed. But, however, I shall overlook that deficiency and ask that portion of the sentence being eliminated from the adjournment motion. The main part of the adjournment motion is in perfect order. If there is no objection raised by the House, I am prepared to allow the adjournment motion to be discussed at such time as I shall specify.

(*After a pause*)

No objection having been taken, the motion is admitted and it will be taken up for consideration to-morrow at half past three.

PROCEDURE RE-GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

President: As laid down in Rule 74 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, the debate on the budget will begin to-day with a general discussion and the voting of demands for grants will follow it from to-morrow. The maximum time of four days permissible under the rules has been allowed for the latter. As honourable members are aware, the demands will be discussed in the order in which they are printed in the list supplied to them already. In fixing the order in which the demands are to be moved and voted upon, precedence has been given to the demands relating to the three departments of Land Revenue, Public Works and Education, whose activities, more than any other, are intimately connected with the welfare of the people. I have also taken care to see that the other demands too are so arranged as to enable the House to get an opportunity to discuss some of the demands which could not be fully discussed in previous years for want of time.

The demands for grants under I—Land Revenue, II—Public Works Department, and III—Education, may each be discussed for half a day. The remaining demands will have to be dealt with before the close of the fourth day and not more than one hour will be allotted, as usual, to any one of these demands.

In calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of demands, the following procedure adopted last year will be

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followed. A day will be taken as from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M., of which the first hour is available for questions and another hour (1 to 2 P. M.) as lunch interval. The remaining four hours will be treated as a full day and two hours as half a day. If the time taken up for questions and answers is less than an hour, the remaining time will also be available to the House for the voting of demands. Such available time will not however go to increase the time allotted for any one demand but will only enable the House to discuss more demands.

Honourable members of the Council are of course aware that they should discuss each demand as a whole and vote upon it as a whole without moving for the reduction of any grant or of any item in a grant.

During the general discussion every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed not more than 15 minutes. During the second stage, *i. e.*, in the voting of demands for grants, the time limit for speeches for all members will be 10 minutes. As a matter of general convenience, it would be well if the honourable members will so adjust their participation in the debate as to afford sufficient time to the official members for elucidating essential points which might have arisen in the course of such discussion, failing which, I am afraid, the discussion will lack in completeness.

STATEMENT RE REDUCTIONS MADE BY THE ASSEMBLY IN THE BUDGET FOR 1111.

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The following cuts were made by the Sri Mulam Assembly in voting on the demands for grants.

I—Land Revenue Rs. 9,19,309	(*a*) Rs. 2,675 for Travelling allowance, under 1 A.—Land Revenue —Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner—Allowances. Amount deducted Re. 1.
	(*b*) Rs. 19,631—1A Land Revenue Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner Amount deducted Re. 1.
VII—Industries Rs. 2,45,263	Rs. 33,873 under 22A.—Industries—Direction. Amount deducted Re. 1.

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